

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Gregg

A RESOLUTION honoring Joyce Brinkman as Indiana's poet laureate.

Whereas, Joyce Brinkman is a citizen whose strong Hoosier roots include five generations of family living in Indiana;

Whereas, Joyce Brinkman developed a love of politics and poetry from her earliest days;

Whereas, Joyce Brinkman practiced politics in Indiana and served in Indiana government for 25 years;

Whereas, Joyce Brinkman, in the time she served as a state representative in the Indiana House of Representatives, always closed the biennial sessions with poetry to honor retiring



members;

Whereas, Joyce Brinkman displayed her love of the Hoosier state and poetry by sharing her poems in the State House chapel and at the inauguration of state officials;

Whereas, Joyce Brinkman's poetry has been published in newspapers and books; and

Whereas, Joyce Brinkman has written and taught writing since retiring from Indiana government: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 make it known that because of her love of politics and poetry, her deep
3 appreciation and understanding of the unique character of the Hoosier
4 experience, her commitment to preservation of Indiana's natural
5 landscapes, and the proclamation of its beauty through poetry, Joyce
6 Brinkman is declared to be an Indiana poet laureate.

7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Joyce
9 Brinkman and her family.

